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1. IF UNCTAD SYG'S REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF UNCTAD IV IS
NOTED IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OR THE UNGA PLENARY, USDEL
SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA-
GRAPH 2 BELOW.

2. MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE
REPORT (A/31/276) PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
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UNCTAD ON THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON TRADE

AND DEVELOPMENT, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NAIROBI LAST MAY. WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT AS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF WHAT WAS AGREED TO IN NAIROBI. I WILL NOT ENUMERATE EVERY SECTION OF THE REPORT WHICH WE CANNOT ACCEPT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION A FEW EXAMPLES CONCERNING COMMODITIES.

IN PARAGRAPH 18 ON PAGE 8, THE REPORT STATES THAT RESOLUTION 93(IV) PASSED AT NAIROBI CONSTITUTED A "CLEAR ACCEPTANCE" OF AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMMODITIES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND. SIMILARLY, IN PARAGRAPH 22 ON PAGE 9, THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THE DECISION TAKEN AT NAIROBI IMPLIES "A GENERAL ENDORSEMENT THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD EMBARK UPON A NEGOTIATION--AND NOT A FURTHER STUDY OR CONSULTATION--ON A COMMON FUND". THIS STATEMENT IS ACTUALLY CONTRARY TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF SECTION IV OF RESOLUTION 93 (IV), WHICH REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CONVENE PREPARATORY MEETINGS PRIOR TO A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND.

BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE CONTRARY, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF THIS RESOLUTION AS WE EXPLAINED IN NAIROBI WHEN WE SAID THAT WE WOULD PARTICIPATE, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, IN PREPARATORY MEETINGS TO EXAMINE WHETHER FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS ARE DESIRABLE, AND THAT WE WOULD DECIDE AFTER THESE PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS WHETHER WE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND.

IN A SIMILAR WAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, REFERENCES IN PARAGRAPHS 18 AND 20 OF THE REPORT TO THE SERIES OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS CALLED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION DO NOT CORRESPOND TO OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF SECTION IV OF THE RESOLUTION, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS "FURTHER REQUESTED TO CONVENE, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED, COMMODITY NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF EACH PREPARATORY MEETING...". WE DO NOT INTERPRET THIS LANGUAGE AS A BLANKET COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENTS AS IMPLIED IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT. AS WE STATED IN NAIROBI, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESOLUTION IS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS IS TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING PARTICULAR COMMODITIES AND TO DETERMINE, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, THE MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO EACH PRODUCT."

WITH RESPECT TO THE DEBT ISSUE, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS. IN PARAGRAPHS 48 AND 66-73, THE REPORT FAILS TO MENTION THAT IT WAS THE POSITION OF MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT UNCTAD IV THAT THE EXTERNAL IN-DEBTEDNESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN ONLY BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL FINANCIAL SITUATIONS FACED BY THESE COUNTRIES. THIS ALONE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT REASON THAT THE PROPOSALS NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS 48 AND 67-69 WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN FACT THERE WERE MANY OTHER REASONS.

IN PARAGRAPH 71, MOREOVER, THE REPORT NOTES THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT COMMON FEATURES ARE IDENTIFIED, THIS COULD REPRESENT A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH DEBT PROBLEMS. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE REFERENCE TO "FIRST STEP", SINCE WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY AGREEMENT OR PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION IN THIS AREA. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE WORD "GUIDELINES" IS OPEN TO VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES INTERPRETS THE RESOLUTION AS CALLING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF FEATURES WHICH WOULD PERMIT EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SECURED CREDITOR COUNTRY AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO RESCHEDULING NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES ANY LINK BETWEEN "FEATURES" AND ELIGIBILITY FOR DEBT RELIEF, A CONCEPT FREQUENTLY RELATED TO THE TERM "GUIDELINES". IN FACT, THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION DOES NOT USE THE WORD "GUIDELINES" BECAUSE THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH WORDING.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK WE ALL AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CARRYING OUT THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND DECISIONS AS ADOPTED AT NAIROBI. IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE MUST KEEP IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIND WHAT WAS ACTUALLY CONTAINED IN THE TEXTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND IN THE STATEMENTS OF RESERVATION AND INTERPRETATION MADE BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND GROUPS OF COUNTRIES. WE VERY MUCH REGRET THAT THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD CONTAINS CERTAIN SECTIONS WHICH DO NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE DECISIONS ADOPTED OR THE FULL RANGE OF VIEWS EXPRESSED AT NAIROBI. WE TRUST THAT THE SECRETARIAT WILL, IN THE FUTURE, TAKE CARE TO PRESENT MORE BALANCED AND OBJECTIVE REPORTS OF UNCTAD MEETINGS.

FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT MY REMARKS BE REFLECTED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ROBINSON

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